

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet which method comprises:

- a) providing a molten body of an aluminium alloy of composition in wt%:

Si	0.05 - 0.20
Fe	0.25 - 0.40
Others	up to 0.05 each and up to 0.15 total
Al	balance

wherein the aluminium alloy melt is prepared without the addition of grain refiners,
- b) optionally degassing the molten body,
- c) direct chill (DC) casting the molten body to form a cast ingot,
- d) rolling the ingot to sheet,
- e) electrograining the rolled sheet.

Claim 20 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet according to claim 19 such that the cast ingot has a hydrogen content of not more than 0.25ml/100g.

Claim 21 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet according to claim 19, wherein the Fe/Si ratio is from 2.5 to 5.5.

Claim 22 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet according to claim 19, wherein the DC casting speed is >60mm/min.

Claim 23 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet according to claim 19, wherein the cast ingot contains grains of a length $>500\mu\text{m}$.

Claim 24 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet according to claim 19, wherein the cast ingot contains substantially no Al_mFe .

Claim 25 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet according to claim 19, wherein the iron in solution is 0.0018 to 0.0051 wt%.

Claim 26 (new): A method of producing an aluminium lithographic sheet according to claim 19, wherein the electrolyte used for electrograining is nitric acid.